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SUBJ: VISIT OF ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: ADDIS ABABA 4678

1. AS ANTICIPATED REFTEL, ETHIOPIAN FONMIN KIFLE WODAJO PAID BRIEF VISIT TO LAGOS IN COURSE HIS WEST AFRICAN TOUR. HIGHLIGHT OF HIDJSTAY WWS CALL ON GENERAL GOWON APRIL 26, AT WHICH FONMIN HAD OPPORTUNITY EXPLAIN ETHIOPIAN POSITION ON ERITREA DIRECTLY TO HEAD OF STATE.

2. FMG PRESS RELEASE FOLLOWING MEETING REPORTS THAT GOWON "EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES IN THEIR EFFORT TO KEEP THEIR COUNTRY UNITED" AND "ASSURED THEM THAT NIGERIA WOULD NOT DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD COMPLICATE ETHIOPIAN PROBLEMS." NIGERIAN STANCE, PRESS RELEASE CONTINUED, "WAS BECAUSE IT WAS AGAINST NIGERIA'S POLICY TO INTERFER IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER COUNTRIES". ACCORDING TO RELEASE, GOWON "ALSO HOPED THAT SOLUTIONS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL ETHIOPIANS WHICH WOULD ENSURE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF COUNTRY WOULD SOON BE FOUND."

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3. COMMENT: FROM TENOR OF PRESS RELEASE, IT APPEARS THAT
FONMIN RECEIVED ASSURANCES EPMG WAS SEEKING WITH REGARD TO FMG
ATTITUDE. IN WAKE THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE OF BIAFRAN SECESSION,
NIGERIANS CAN GENERALLY BE COUNTED ON FOR STRONG SUPPORT OF
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.
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